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Treasurer: Mary Reines

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### **Important Upcoming Dates**

August 9. Art Night 6:30 PM Aug 28-Sept 24. New member applications Sept 13. Bi-monthly meeting 6:30 PM

### **President and other Roles Needed**

The current president's term ends in October! That means we need one or more members to step up to be the next MAG president for a two-year term. You will have a great team of committee chairs to rely on as well as the advice of the past president. It is possible to volunteer with a friend as co-presidents.

The newsletter position is also open. Solicit and collect the information needed for the monthly newsletter as part of the communication team. Someone else sends out the actual email.

We have had a number of interesting ideas for events for our members to participate in but no one to organize them. Note that we have established a line item in the current fiscal year for events so there are some funds available. It also would be helpful to get an Events co-chair.

The Opportunities chair is also open. This committee searches for new opportunities for our members such as finding group exhibition spaces or a partnership with a gallery. We would also like to select a second art fair as a group entry to replace the Winter Art and gift fair which has folded as a yearly event.



To express interest in any of these roles or to get more information, contact president@madisonartguild.com.

# **Art Night!**

Art Night will be held on Tuesday, August 9 at the home of Mandy Kron. Masks welcome but not required. 3918 Hillcrest Dr, Madison, WI 53705.

Bring an artwork to share or just bring yourself.

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We are looking for artists to host these events in their home or studio. The host gets to select the date (ideally, we will get a variety of days of the week) and sets the COVID protocols for that month.

If you would like to host an open Art Night, please send an email to <a href="mailto:newsletter@madisonartguild.com">newsletter@madisonartguild.com</a>. Note that if no one volunteers to host by the 20th of the previous month, that month's art night will be via Zoom.

### **Tentative Future Art Night Schedule**

September: Cindy Koshalek

October: open November: open December: open

# **October Dinner Meeting**

We will be returning to having our annual dinner meeting on October. Cindy Koshalek is the new Dinner Meeting Chair. This event allows us to welcome new members, socialize and select artists for the 2023 Art Fair on the Square. More details will be coming later.

### **New members**

The jury process for new members will be open to applications and submissions starting on August 28 and ending on September 24. Any artist interested in membership will submit 3 pieces for consideration by our jury artist Lyn Belisle (<a href="www.lynbelisle.com">www.lynbelisle.com</a>). Just prior to August 28, a link to the application/submission portal will be emailed to anyone interested in becoming a Madison Art Guild member, including everyone who has shown interest via the website.

At the annual Madison Art Guild dinner meeting on June 28, the proposal to allow artists to join MAG as Associate members was passed by a vote of 25 in favor, 7 opposed. Implementation of the proposal requires some changes to our website, as well as an application form, social media marketing, etc. The Board decided to begin the Associate member process in January 2023.



# **2022 Summer Salon**

Thanks to everyone who participated in the 2022 Summer Salon. Fifteen pieces were sold this year! Special thanks go out to all the volunteers who made the Salon possible.

# **Art Fair on the Square**

Some photos by Owen Gwynne of the MAG booth at 2022 Art Fair on the Square.







# **Thank you from Little Picassos**

A note to say how touched we are by the donation to our program. I wanted to take a moment to thank you and the Art Guild for your support and lovely letter.



Our little artists are thrilled!

Leora Saposnik, Artistic Director, Little Picassos <a href="https://www.littlepicassosart.com/">https://www.littlepicassosart.com/</a>



# **MAG Bi-Monthly Meeting Minutes**

MAG Bi-Monthly Board Meeting Minutes, July 12, 2022, 6:30pm via zoom.

#### In Attendance:

Dave Williams, Tom Kuchenbecker, Ann Kleckner, Cindy Koshalek, Martha Fitzmier, Mary Reines, Owen Gwynne, Barbara Vater, Barbara Koykkar, Nancy Mather, Kristin Johnson, Jillian Cori Lippert, Linda Krantz, Chris Echtner, Andrea Murray, Caitlin Stolle, Colette Girard

### Treasurer's Report

Mary Reines presented a summary of MAG's current finances. Unrestricted funds total \$3844.39 and Restricted Funds total \$4209.42. We still have \$3865.30 left in the Schmidt Memorial Awards Salon fund and also \$250 in the Pray Memorial Salon Fund. Because we did make a little money, and are not in the red this year, it will not be necessary to raise the fee for membership dues. Mary suggested that we give thought to the scholarship we currently fund to MATC as well as to our Meriter/Agrace donation. Mary added more money to the budget to cover potential MAG events occurring next year and also to advertise the Virtual Show. Our next round of incoming funds will occur in September when memberships are renewed, along with the jurying in of new members. MAG's charitable organization certification was renewed. Mary hopes to install a computer program that will eliminate the need for her to enter information by hand. Owen Gwynne mentioned that web consult fees should be less, going forward.

#### **Annual Dinner**

Holding a dinner meeting in October would allow MAG to resume our normal schedule of events. Chris Echtner reviewed the advantages of again holding the dinner at Vintage. Cindy Koshalek volunteered to organize the dinner and offered to also explore other venue options.

### Associate Member Proposal

Linda Krantz addressed several things that will have to happen before moving forward on the proposal. A few examples: establish associate member dues; post new information on MAG's website; reorganize the member section of the website to differentiate artists from associates, honorary and friends; update PayPal to accept associate dues and publicize the new category. Linda said that about 30 people over the past several months have expressed an interest in joining MAG. It was discussed and agreed that implementing the new member proposal could wait as long as needed, so as not to confuse potential new



members. January would be a good time to launch. It was pointed out that while significant reorganizing of the website would be needed to include all the changes, a reorganization is possible.

#### **AFOS**

Owen Gwynne reported that the art fair went very well and that all participants pitched in to prepare for the show. There were many visitors to the MAG booth, and everyone made a sale. Owen received much praise for his organizational efforts and general helpfulness.

## **New Member Jurying**

The jury process will take place between August 28th and September 24th. Lyn Belisle has agreed to be our jurist. Linda Krantz shared details of Lyn's extensive past experience and declared her to be a well-rounded judge. Linda is working with Owen to develop a submissions page on the website.

### Other

- Andrea Murray will be on vacation in August and she asked that any upcoming communication requests be submitted for scheduling as soon as possible.
- It appears that we have resolved the issue of who is eligible to receive MAG newsletters and communications via snail mail, versus via email.
- Colette Girard reported that, as of today, 7 Salon pieces have sold and 2 are on hold. Rachel Durfee, who
  had to cancel as this year's Salon judge, has agreed to serve as judge next year.
- Board positions that still need to be filled include President and Vice President, Newsletter Chair, and Publicity Chair.
- Tom Kuchenbecker invited art night attendees to arrive early in order to view his visiting backyard cranes.

Minutes Submitted by Colette Girard